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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS U.S. VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. KOREAN LANGUAGE PRESS HAS BEEN MORE WILLING RECENTLY TO MENTION ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN IRRITANT IN U.S.-ROK RELATIONS. TWO ARTICLES DESCRIBED BELOW BROKE NEW GROUND IN THAT THEY INTRODUCED KOREAN PUBLIC TO STRAIGHT FORWARD RATIONAL FOR U.S. POSITION.

2. MAY 11 ARTICLE IN HANKUK ILBO ENTITLED "RESTRUCTURING KOREA-U.S. RELATIONS" NOTED THAT U.S. TOO DIVERSE FOR KOREANS TO UNDERSTAND AND WOULD BE EVEN MORE SO IN CARTER ERA. WRITER BALANCED THIS WITH VIEW THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT KOREA EITHER. TWO NATIONS, HOWEVER, HAD TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING. WRITER ADMITTED THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION SOMETIMES CARRIED OUT ITS POLICIES IN INAPPROPRIATE WAYS, BUT ADDED THAT CARTER'S BASIC STANCE WAS NOT UNREALISTIC. ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, WRITER STATED THAT U.S. EXPECTS KOREA TO BECOME A FREE COUNTRY WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF REALITY ON ASSUMPTION THAT IN THIS WAY KOREA WILL GROW POLITICALLY AND KOREAN PEOPLE WILL GROW IN UNITY. HE ADDED THAT U.S. BELIEVES KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS

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CAPABILITY TO SURVIVE ANY SIDE EFFECTS THAT MAY ARISE FROM LIBERALIZATION.

3. CHOSUN ILBO OF MAY 17 CARRIED ARTICLE BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WHICH ALSO TREATED OF U.S. INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA. GENERAL THRUST OF ARTICLE WAS THAT U.S. PRESS MISLEADS PUBLIC WHICH PRESSURES CONGRESS AND ADMINI-

STRATION TO LEAN ON ROKG. CORRESPONDENT DID NOTE THAT U.S. OFFICIALS WERE IMPRESSED WITH ROK PROGRESS IN MANY FIELDS IN FACE OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES AND THESE OFFICIALS FELT ROKG SHOULD HAVE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE AND BE ABLE TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS OF SMALL MINORITY OF KOREANS CRITICAL OF ROKG POLICIES.
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